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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of document 3 is enclosed. Copies of the below-listed documents are enclosed.

- (1) Casio Computer Co., Ltd., , "QV-4000 Digital Camera User Documentation",  
<http://world.casio.com/qv/download/en/manual/qv4000.html>,  
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- (2) Leong, Edwin, "Camera Hobby Photography e-Book",  
Chapters 15 & 16,  
<http://www.camerahobby.com/EBook-TOC.htm>,  
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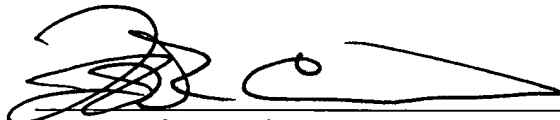
These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

Also cited in the European Search Report were U.S. Patent No. 5,619,738, U.S. Published Appln. No. 2003/0137525, and JP 2000-217024, which are not cited herein because they were cited in a previous European Search Report and a subsequent Information Disclosure Statement (filed May 28, 2004).

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	<b>Casio Computer Co., Ltd., , "QV-4000 Digital Camera User Documentation",  <a href="http://world.casio.com/qv/download/en/manual/qv4000.html">http://world.casio.com/qv/download/en/manual/qv4000.html</a>, Sept. 2001</b>
	<b>Leong, Edwin, "Camera Hobby Photography e-Book", Chapters 15 &amp; 16,  <a href="http://www.camerahobby.com/EBook-TOC.htm">http://www.camerahobby.com/EBook-TOC.htm</a>, Oct. 29, 2004</b>
	<b>Search Report in EP 03 25 5844</b>

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